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☑ Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above referenced patent application. A Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 was filed on August 5, 2002. This RCE is filed in place of an Appeal Brief. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month is filed concurrently with this RCE. Upon grant of the Petition, the date for filing the RCE is extended to November 5, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Claims 12, 14, 18, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, and 37 are amended. New claims 38-46 are added. Claims 32, 33, and 35 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

12. (Four times amended) A pollution control device comprising:

a housing;

a pollution control element having an outer curvature and being disposed within said housing; and

a mounting article disposed between said pollution control element and said housing, said mounting article comprising a sheet material useful for mounting said pollution

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